

## HEALTH CARE

(Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this 2,000-page health care bill is not a health care reform bill. It's a monstrosity. It contains three-quarters of a trillion dollars in tax increases on small businesses and the middle class, which will lead to more people losing their jobs. It contains half a trillion dollars in cuts to Medicare for our senior citizens. This bill increases the Medicaid costs on our already hard-hit States, which will inevitably have the result of cutting education funding and funding for our first responders on the State level. This bill actually increases the cost of health care, Mr. Speaker.

You know, the American people understand that this bill will make the Wall Street bailout, known as TARP, the government takeover of the car industry, and the failed stimulus pale in comparison.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have already rejected this bill. Congress needs to listen to them and do the same.

## HEALTH CARE REFORM AND ABORTION

(Mr. CAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, health care reform is an issue of paramount importance, and we must be deliberative in solving the main question, which is: How can we make our health care system affordable, accessible, and accountable? Unfortunately, the health care reform forum has not been used to address the problem of affordable health care, but to expand the controversial issue of abortion.

When President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress on September 9, he said, "Under our plan, no Federal dollars will be used to fund abortion, and Federal conscience laws will remain in place." The health care reform plan presented by Speaker PELOSI does not reflect the long-standing policies that ban Federal abortion funding.

America needs responsible health care reform, and it should not be a vehicle for expanding the abortion agenda. The majority of the American people, including those in my home district of Louisiana, are against the Federal funding of abortion. Real health care is about saving and nurturing life, not about taking life.

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(Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, everyone agrees that health care is too expensive, and it is not af-

fordable to every American. Everyone also agrees that the American health system is the best in the world for innovation and invention. And polls have shown that most people are happy with their health care. That's why people from all over the world come here to receive health care.

So why are we talking about dismantling our great health system, one-sixth of our economy, and replacing it with a government-run health program that will cost \$1.5 trillion in borrowed money that will be paid for by our grandkids?

We need to work together to bring down the actual costs of health care. Republicans have such a plan: cap lawsuits, giving Americans a real choice by letting them purchase insurance across State lines, allowing small businesses and individuals to join together and pool to purchase less expensive coverage.

We need to keep the best system in the world. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Congress is about to make a decision that will impact every American for the rest of their lives. Simply stated, what's at stake is the freedom to make our own decisions about our own health care. PELOSI's bill forces every American to purchase our insurance through a government-run exchange. It forces us to purchase only those policies that meet all of the requirements set by the new health czar or be fined for failing to do so. And it forces us to pay for all the cost overruns through higher premiums or higher taxes.

Where does it all lead? In 1993, the government introduced a public option for student loans, but only a fraction of the public opted in. So last month, the House voted to give the government monopoly control over all student loans. That's about to happen to our health care unless 40 Blue Dog Democrats decide to stop them. Please, call them today.

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(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, the Wall Street Journal said it best, this bill may well be the worst piece of post-New Deal legislation ever introduced. My constituents of the Texas 24th District agree. They have told me loud and clear, time and time again, that they do not want this government takeover of our health care system.

This legislation creates 111 new Federal programs, bureaucracies, commissions and boards; and this is just counting the ones that are in the original

bill. I am sure that when the manager's amendment is introduced, there will be many more.

We need a patient-centered approach to health care reform. We do not need to mortgage the future of our children by saddling them with a \$1 trillion debt. Let's not punish our seniors, our families, and our grandchildren by passing this bill.

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(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, there is a difference between the right way and the wrong way on health care reform, and the American people know it. Results from a survey on my Web site just came back the last few days. We asked the question what the people in the 19th Congressional District thought about their current health care system versus the one being proposed by Speaker PELOSI. Eighty-eight percent of the people who took my survey believe that their current health care system is better than the one in this bill. Speaker PELOSI, this is the worst bill ever.

H.R. 3962 will cost \$1.2 trillion over the first decade, and that's after using some smoke and mirrors with the numbers, not the \$894 billion that the Speaker claims; or, simply put, this is bending the cost curve in the wrong direction.

This bill permits Federal programs to be spent on abortion services. It includes a government-run plan that will force tens of millions of Americans off their current coverage. In navigating the new health care system, the bill creates 111 new programs and bureaucracies. These are not the positive solutions the American people are looking for.

Mr. Speaker, let's start over.

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(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Uncle Sam is saying, Don't let debt defeat a great Nation.

America is going broke. We must carefully weigh the implications of a costly new government spending program at a time when the country already owes \$56 trillion of entitlement obligations to China and to Saudi Arabia.

I am deeply concerned about the national debt, which has doubled since 2000 and is nearly \$12 trillion for the first time in history. Any plan put forward must control costs, not add billions of dollars to an already ballooning deficit.

America is going broke. Is this the legacy Congress wants to leave to our children and our grandchildren? Don't let debt defeat a great Nation.